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## Egypt E-Alert



### Founder of Arab Global Forum discusses conference and U.S.-Arab world relationship

December 4, 2009

The Arab Global Forum will take place December 7-8, 2009, in Washington, D.C. This groundbreaking event will bring together Arab business leaders, along with experts, policy-makers and senior executives of international corporations with direct involvement or keen interest in the Arab region to lay the foundations for expanding business and economic cooperation.

Today, the Arab world countries represent a total GDP of about 2.5 trillion U.S. dollars. Under the theme, "The Arab World in a New Global Context: Challenges, Choices and Opportunities," this first meeting of the Arab Global Forum will look into changes in the region and at emerging business forces in the Arab World.

Shafik Gabr, the founder and convener of the conference, is not only a prominent Egyptian investor and philanthropist, but also a man with a vision for his country and the Arab world. The level of hope and energy President Obama injected into the region last June has been astounding, and Shafik wants both Americans and Arabs to harness that energy into concrete action.

On Wednesday, December 2, Shafik did a live interview with FoxBusiness where he discussed the current stock market crisis in Dubai and how it impacts investment in the Middle East.

To read the press release issued by the Egyptian Press & Information Office, please click [here](#).

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